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SUBJ: UNTSO OBSERVERS IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 14547 AND USUN 230

1. BUNWORTH HAVING BEEN UNAVAILABLE YESTERDAY, I WENT OVER WITH HIM TODAY (JAN 24) POINTS IN STATE REFTEL. HE EXPRESSED SOME EMBARRASSMENT AT COURSE EVENTS HAD TAKEN SINCE HE CONSIDERS IT WAS HIS ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT OF LEBANESE DESIRE TO HAVE NEITHER US NOR SOVIET OBSERVERS WHICH LED TO PROBLEM IN FIRST PLACE. HE NOTED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT LARGER NUMBER OF SOVIETS THAN AMERICANS IN SYRIA WAS NOT DUE TO ATTITUDE OF SYRIAN GOVERNMENT BUT TO FACT THAT UNTSO, UNABLE TO PUT SOVIETS IN ISRAEL, HAD TO STATION ALL OF THEM IN EGYPT AND SYRIA.

2. AS SITUATION NOW SOUNDS, BUNWORTH ALREADY HAS WITHDRAWN ONE OBSERVER, CAPTAIN KERAUVUORI, FROM LEBANON AND REASSIGNED HIM WITH HIS FAMILY ELSEWHERE. OTHER OBSERVER, CAPTAIN WALSH, IS DUE TO LEAVE LEBANON THIS MONTH. BUNWORTH HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM UN SECRETARIAT TO REVERSE EARLIER DECISION TO WITHDRAW THESE TWO OBSERVERS. HE WONDERED IF HE MIGHT LEAVE WALSH A LITTLE LONGER IN LEBANON WHILE AWAITING CONFIDENTIAL

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UN INSTRUCTIONS AND I URGED HIM TO DO SO. HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO REASSIGN KERAUVUORI TO LEBANON SINCE THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS ABOUT FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS. I SUGGESTED HE COULD SEND ANOTHER, BUT TO PLAY SAFE IT MIGHT BE WELL TO SEND SOMEONE

WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN WITH UNTSO PRIOR TO INFLUX OF NEW US AND
SOVIET PERSONNEL. HE SAID THIS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM.

3. WE ASSUME UN SECRETARIAT WILL IN DUE COURSE INSTRUCT
BUNWORTH TO RETAIN TWO US OBSERVER POSITIONS IN LEBANON.
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